

PLATT'S ENEMIES GAINING GROUND.

Formidable Array of Men
and Power Opposed
to Him.

CONFERS WITH HACKETT.

State Chairman Says There
Is No Possibility of
a Convention.

DEMAND FOR IT GROWS.

Representative Wilson, of Brook-
lyn, Takes the Same Posi-
tion as Jacob Worth.

IS AGAINST ONE MAN RULE.

Spirit of Protest So Strong in This City
That a Separate County Con-
vention Is Likely to
Be Held.

The opposition to Thomas Collier Platt's plan to have the candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals named by the State Committee, which is under his control, and the demand for a State convention to nominate, is growing hourly. To the declaration of Jacob Worth, the Kings County leader, has been added that of Representative Francis H. Wilson, who is at the head of the original McKinley element in Brooklyn. Thus it would seem that Kings County is a unit against Senator Platt in this, probably the most trying fight of his career. Mr. Wilson thus expressed himself yesterday: "What difference will it make if the committee is not strictly in accord with him (Platt) on all matters? It will represent the people. Whom else should it represent? It is said that Mr. Platt wants control of the organization. If he has control it ceases to be an organization and becomes a machine. An organization is to encourage opinion, and people get together for that purpose. A machine is to suppress public opinion and a few men control the machine."

It is settled by Platt's foes that if he does not call a convention another convention will be held to contest with him the party control. This issue of representative party government, the Senator's opponents also declare, is just as important here in New York City. The leaders of the machine have boasted that Platt's friends will carry 101 votes in the city convention and control the county convention. This they mean to do, regardless of the means used, being it about. Their action is more than likely to cause the holding of an anti-Platt county convention and the holding of a full local ticket in opposition to the machine ticket.

The onslaught is being made against Platt at a time when it was his hope that nothing should happen to distract his attention from the management of the Mayoralty campaign. Taking advantage of this, his enemies have been actively at work sowing the seed of dissension in every Platt stronghold in the State, at the same time strengthening their hold upon the districts controlled by them. A State Convention is the instrument through which they hope to encompass Platt's downfall. For several months plans have been carefully making to force Platt's State Committee to call a convention, either at Saratoga or Syracuse, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, who shall not be "a man."

Not Ready to Show Their Hand. Platt's enemies are not yet ready to show their hand and they will not show it until they feel sure of gaining their point. Numerous conferences have been held, Republican sentiment in all parts of the State has been carefully canvassed, with a result, so it is declared, that shows conclusively that the great mass of the party desires that a convention shall be held. Within a short time, in this city, a conference will be held at which a definite plan of action will be decided upon.

In anticipation of this agitation for a State convention, Platt has summoned from Central Park, Thousand Islands, State Chairman Charles W. Hackett. Hackett arrived in town yesterday, and talked with Platt over the telephone, and at 6 o'clock went to the Oriental Hotel, Manhattan Beach, where he had a conference with his chief rival, Van Hook. A Journal reporter, Chairman Hackett would not admit that a State convention would be called.

"Platt's State Committee," he said, "will meet some time in the middle of September and nominate a Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. So far as I know there is no intention of calling a State convention. I shall be in the city for several days, and shall consult with Senator Platt and other leaders in regard to the State Committee meeting. Before I return to the Thousand Islands I expect that a date will have been set."

The anti-Platt leaders and the rivals of the "Uneasy Boss" in the State machine regard it as most probable that Platt will see things in a new light and yield to a pressure that he cannot withstand. It was recalled to mind yesterday by an anti-Platt leader that Congressman James J. Holden was in the confidence of President McKinley, that he had thousands of friends up to the State who would rally to his call, and furthermore, that Mr. Holden has never



Mayor Strong "Breaking Ground" for New Postal Tubes.

THE Mayor shouldered a pick and showed how trenches are dug yesterday. Not a man in the city's employ could have swung the axe more sturdily. He had been invited by John E. Milholland to be present at the "breaking of ground," at 12:30 o'clock, at Beekman street and Park row for the pipes of the Tubular Dispatch Company, which is to connect the Post Office with its various branch offices in Greater New York and with the Grand Central Depot.

Wearing his Panama straw hat and a blue cutaway coat, the Mayor arrived promptly on time, accompanied by Commissioner Collis and Mr. Milholland, who is president of the Dispatch Company. Awaiting Mayor Strong in the centre of a large crowd, were Postmaster Cornelius Van Cott and Second Assistant Postmaster General W. S. Shallenberger, who had come from Washington to attend the ceremony.

Seizing a pickaxe with the skill of an expert, Mayor Strong swung it high over his head and brought it down again into the dirt with a "thud." A second and a third time he repeated the blows. He was loudly applauded.

"Now give me a shovel," said the Mayor. He delved into the dirt he had loosened, and amid the cheers of the crowd, dug it out and piled it outside the car track.

yet been identified with a convention that was not a success.

Indorsed by McCook.

General Anson G. McCook, when questioned as to the advisability of a State convention, yesterday said: "I think it would be far better to hold a State convention, and if I were consulted I would most emphatically advise that one be held. It would be better from any point of view you may look at the question. I regard the office of Justice of the Court of Appeals as one of the highest in the State. In fact, it is second in importance only to the Governorship. I believe that the people should have a voice in the selection of the candidate. It is of vital importance that a proper official be chosen. A convention, and not the State Committee, should make the nomination."

Even though Platt should succeed in compelling the State Committee to do his bidding and issue no call for a convention, it is more involved than appears on the surface. The anti-Platts have many weapons to use against the uneasy boss. Said a prominent anti-Platt leader yesterday: "Platt does not want to yield to the pre-convention sentiment, because he knows that he could not control a State Convention. But the Republicans of New York State rebel against the idea of a single individual unilaterally assuming the role of absolute dictator and nominating as head of the highest court of the Empire a State man who might possibly be of use to him in some future emergency. The Republican party desires a full, free and fair discussion of their prerogatives. If Platt's State Committee should not call a State Convention, undoubtedly one will be held, which will contest with him party control."

Wilson Favors the Movement. Washington, Aug. 2.—The promoters of the movement to force Senator Platt to hold a State convention will have the active support of the original "McKinley element" of Brooklyn, which has grown to be a most important factor in the political situation, through the patronage it has received from the present Administration.

Representative Francis H. Wilson, the leader of the McKinley Republicans of Brooklyn, expresses himself heartily in favor of the movement, and may be depended upon to lend influential assistance. Among his political associates are Walter R. Atterbury, the new Brooklyn postmaster; Thomas Fitch, who succeeds Dr. Senner as Superintendent of Immigration at Ellis Island; and Frank R. Moore, the new Brooklyn Internal Revenue Collector, who received their appointments against candidates of Senator Platt. With this combination aiding Worth in the effort to compel Senator Platt to name the judicial candidate by convention instead of by the State Committee, it is likely Brooklyn Republicans will make it exceedingly interesting for the Toga boss.

Having been away from New York since last December, I am not as closely in touch with State politics as I might be," said Mr. Wilson, to-night, "and I have not given much thought to the nomination of a judge for the Court of Appeals. I think it would be more proper to nominate by convention. On such nominations there has been much difference of opinion heretofore, and the State Committee has often made them. But in conformity to the principles of our party, I believe it is much better to have the people send their delegates to convention to make the nomination."

I am under the impression that the best thing that could happen to Platt is the holding of the convention, not only to nominate a judge, but to pass resolutions expressing approval of what the Administration has done up to the present time, to renew the expressions of the party on the financial question, etc., and to appoint a new committee. But if we hold a convention and have a little contest for nominations, I have seen it stated that Senator Platt does not want a convention. If we hold a convention, it will not be strictly in accord with him on all matters. It will represent the people. Whom else should it represent? It is said that Mr. Platt wants control of the organization. If he has control it ceases to be an organization and becomes a machine. An organization is to encourage public opinion, and people get together for that purpose. A machine is to suppress public opinion, and a few men control the machine."

THEY DON'T WANT LOW.

Brooklyn Organization Organized to Defeat Him Sounds a Note of Warning to Worth.

The Anti-Low League, of Brooklyn, has addressed to Jacob Worth, the following open letter: Sir: Recognizing, as we do, the ability and acumen which has characterized your leadership of the Republican party in Kings County, we note with surprise, indignation and regret your placing before the public as your choice for the Mayoralty nomination in Greater New York the name of one who, by his actions in the past, by his readiness to cater to the whims of a select few, to the detriment of the large majority whose votes elected him, by his unhesitating treachery to the party when its Presidential candidate did not meet with the approval of that few, by his gratuitous insult to a large body of naturalized citizens in his address at Cooper Union, New York, on arbitration, and, again, in his oppressive and intolerant interpretation of the law toward another body of citizens, has alienated the suffrages of the large majority of true Republicans in Greater New York, and whose nomination insures defeat for both city and county tickets, and for each and every candidate thereon.

Permit me to ask you, as a successful and able leader, as a true American citizen—is it possible the party of Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Blaine—the party which has given so many heroes and statesmen to the country in its short career—that it has not within a rank and file of men whose record as a Republican is spotless, as an

Arranged against Platt is one of the strongest combinations that have ever opposed the policy of a political boss. In it are the following powerful Republican leaders: FRANK S. BLACK, Governor of the State of New York. LOUIS F. PAIN, State Superintendent of Insurance, Platt's one-time lieutenant, but present rival. GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE, State Superintendent of Public Works, dispenser of \$12,000,000 worth of patronage, and candidate for Governor to succeed Frank S. Black. JACOB WORTH, the autocrat of Kings County, who in opposition to Platt is championing the nomination of Seth Low or some independent Republican for Mayor of Greater New York. WILLIAM BROOKFIELD, leader of the anti-Platt Republican organization of the City and County of New York, Platt's bitter and consistent foe. CONGRESSMAN JAMES J. BELDEN, of Syracuse, to whom President McKinley gave the distribution of Federal patronage in the Onondaga-Madison district, and who controls the political destinies of the Twenty-seventh Congressional District.

SENATOR FRANK D. PAVEY, anti-Platt representative from New York. SENATOR GEORGE R. MALBY, of Ogdensburg. SENATOR JOHN RAINES, father of the Raines law. SENATOR FRANK W. HIGGINS, anti-Platt leader of Olean. SENATOR ROBERT KRIM, of Schoharie. GEORGE MATTHEWS, of Buffalo, and other members of the McKinley League. ELIHU ROOT, JOSEPH CHOATE, JOHN C. CLARKE, CHARLES STEWART SMITH and other Republican leaders of the Citizens' Union, which, in opposition to the machine, is bent on nominating Seth Low as an independent candidate for Mayor.

LITTLE FUGITIVE WAS IN CANADA.

Ernest Sulzer, 15-Year-Old
Desperado, Broke Jail
and Took a Trip.

COMES BACK DISGUSTED.

Threatens to Kill His Sister, and
She, in Terror, Betrays Him
to the Police.

HE'S A FORTUNE TELLER, TOO.

Landed in a Cell, the Young Terror
Cried, "It Was Mighty Lucky
for That Cop That I
Had No Pistol."

Ernest Sulzer is again a prisoner. This should interest every one who loves law and order. Ernest Sulzer is but fifteen years old, but he is about the wickedest boy in the Greater New York. A prisoner, he escaped from the Harlem Hospital six weeks ago. He was arrested in Williamsburg last night after threatening his sister's life, and after sincerely regretting that he had not a pistol with which to kill the policeman who caught him and from whom he did his best to escape.

This wicked young Sulzer's parents live at No. 1819 First avenue, this city. He lived there, too, when he was seized with an intense desire to go to the fight between Mr. Corbett and Mr. Fitzsimmons. He could not walk to Carson, he had no money to pay his fare, but he determined to acquire both railroad tickets and money at once. So on the night of March 15 he broke into a railroad ticket office at Broadway and Warren streets. He made his way in through a rear window with an axe. He pocketed railroad tickets worth \$1,800, but he could find only ninety-five cents in cash. He was industriously seeking to open the safe when he touched off a burglar alarm. Six policemen answered the alarm and they captured young Sulzer. The wicked boy was sent to Randall's Island for one year. About two months ago he was opportunely taken ill, and, a prisoner, was sent to Harlem House, 33 South New York, so I beat my way on an express train to Canada. I knocked around there until a few days ago. But Canada is no good. It's too slow, so I beat my way back to New York. It took me two days to get back. Then I went over to Williamsburg to see my dear sisters, and got plinched.

Sulzer spoke of his "dear sisters" with a wicked leer, for one of his sisters betrayed him to the police. She is Mollie Sulzer and lives with her married sister, Mrs. Kate Hecht, at No. 533 South First street, Williamsburg. Their promising brother walked into the house yesterday afternoon, threw himself into a chair, and said: "I'm hungry, give me something to eat."

A meal was placed before him and after it he drew a greasy pack of cards from his pocket and told the fortunes of the people, and bored to the wishes of the majority; no man whose name appeals to the city, the country, as an American citizen, unimpeachable, unassailable, untainted.

We appeal to you in the light of your past success to lay all aside, snatch victory from defeat, name us any such man—and there are many in our ranks—and you will be assured not only the support of all Republicans, but of that large body of citizens which the mistakes of the last national Administration brought into communion with us in the past election.

Fail in this, defeat not only awaits Mr. Seth Low, but each and every candidate on the ballot having his name at the head.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANTI-LOW LEAGUE.

AGED HEBREWS SCARED.

Smoke From a Photographer's Flash-
light Causes the Sounding of
a False Fire Alarm.

A photographer yesterday took a flashlight picture of the assembled inmates of the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews, in One Hundred and Sixth street, near Columbus avenue. When he had finished, the windows were opened to allow the smoke of the burned magnesia to escape.

Some children saw the smoke and shouted "Fire!" One of them, a policeman and he turned in an alarm. There was no panic among the inmates. Superintendent Moritz Weil went among the old people and managed to quiet their fears, occasioned by the arrival of the firemen and the general excitement attending the false alarm.

FREE OUTDOOR GYMNASIUM.

Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor Offers to Establish One. The Park Board yesterday received a communication from the Reform Club, asking that a part of East River Park be set aside for an outdoor gymnasium for children.

The communication stated that the work would be paid for by the Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor, and that the would also pay for an attendant. The communication was referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

©Neill's. Another Big Sale of LADIES' SILK WAISTS And Wash Skirts.

Two Thousand New Fresh Garments from Our Best Maker at about

One-Half Regular Prices

IRISH LINEN SKIRTS, lapped seams, thoroughly shrunk, regular price 2.00..... **1.29**

FOUR-PLY IRISH LINEN SKIRTS, Tailor seamed all around, regular price 5.00..... **2.39**

LINEN CRASH SKIRTS, all shrunk, deep hems, Tailor made, usually 1.75..... **98c**

500 Taffeta Silk Shirtwaists

In Block Checks, also in Best Grade of Black, with rows of tucks front and back,

Regular price was 7.50,

SALE PRICE, 3.98.

Medium Weight Capes, Jackets and Golf Capes,

Particularly suitable for early morning wear at the seashore,

AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Sixth Avenue, 20th to 21st Street.

WANAMAKER'S

August 3, 1897.

Yesterday was the first business day in the month of August. August is the hoodoo month of Summer—the month alleged to be without business. Strange things exist in trade—retail trade. There are many survivors whose anticipations are all in the past. They can have no August business for the best of reasons—they don't expect it.

Who ever saw a New York retail Furniture Store busy all day at the first of August? Only such as were here yesterday. It was a marked day—historic. There was a good reason for activity. The August Furniture Trade Sale began.

This sale is an original invention of ours.

For it we command in store and in progress **Five Hundred Thousand Dollars** worth of Furniture.

All the Furniture is good. The prices regular would be fifty per cent. higher.

They will be that much higher in sixty or ninety days. All lines of Furniture are represented.

Each day we will add a special price-list of a particular line.

To-day the list concerns Bed Room Suits.

Of Oak, 3 pieces. Full size bedstead with carved headboard; bureau, top 18x36; 3 large drawers, mirror, 18x20; washstand, top 18x28, with enclosed base. \$35.

Of Ash, 3 pieces. Full size bedstead with carved headboard; bureau, top 20x42; 3 large drawers, bevel mirror, 22x28; washstand, top 16x32, with combination base. \$13.50.

Of Oak, 3 pieces. Full size bedstead with carved headboard; bureau, top 20x44; 3 large drawers, bevel mirror, 24x30; washstand, top 16x32, with combination base. \$15.

Of Oak, 3 pieces. Full size bedstead with carved headboard; bureau, top 20x44; 3 large drawers, bevel mirror, 24x30; washstand, top 16x32, with combination base and cast brass trimmings. \$18.50.

Of Oak, 3 pieces. Full size bedstead with carved headboard; bureau, top 20x44; 3 large drawers, bevel mirror, 24x30; washstand, top 16x32, with combination base and cast brass trimmings. \$22.

Of Imitation Mahogany, 2 pieces. Full size bedstead with carved headboard; bureau, top 20x42, 3 large drawers in base, French level plate mirror, 24x30, \$20.

Of bird's-eye Maple, 3 pieces. Full size bedstead with carved headboard; bureau, top 44x22, 4 drawers in base, French level plate mirror, 24x30; washstand, top 36x20, with combination base. \$31.

Of bird's-eye Maple, 2 pieces. Full size bedstead with carved headboard; bureau, top 42x20, 4 drawers in base, two top drawers, swell front, fancy shaped French level plate mirror, 28x34. \$47.50.

Of solid Mahogany, 2 pieces. Full size bedstead with carved headboard; bureau, top 50x24; 5 drawers in base, full swell front, fancy shaped French level plate mirror, 30x38, and cast brass handles. \$52.

Of curly birch Mahogany Finish, 3 pieces. Full size bedstead with richly carved headboard; top of dressing bureau 32x24, 3 drawers in base, full swell front, dricks on top, oval French level plate mirror, 42x30; washstand, top 35x18, with combination base and swell top drawers. \$66.

Scores of sorts are not enumerated; the prices range from \$8 to \$300.

Fourth floor.

WANAMAKER'S

Drastic work goes on with the prices of Summer Dress Goods. The policy is to clean them out utterly. It hurts to do it—the goods are so beautiful. Seems lacking in proper respect. But nevertheless go they must.

Note especially that price comparisons are with eight weeks ago—they come down by steps.

FANCY LINEN BATISTES

25c fancy stripe linen Batiste, 10c. 37c stripe and plain linen Batiste, 15c. 37c fancy Plumeis and Lappel Linen Batiste, 15c.

37c fancy silk stripe Linen Batiste, 18c. 45c fancy plaid Linen Batiste, 18c. 45c fancy silk stripe Linen Batiste, 25c. 65c fancy silk plaid Linen Batiste, 35c.

FANCY PRINTED COTTONS

12c black and white Lawns, 8c. 15c printed Lappel Lawns, 10c. 10c Corded Lawns, 4c. 12c Printed Dimities, 5c. 12c printed lace striped Lawns, 5c. 12c printed striped Canvas, 5c. 12c printed striped Organdies, 5c. 12c printed fine Lawns, 6c. 25c printed Dimities, 7c. 25c printed striped Organdies, 8c.

Main floor.

Women's Black

WOMEN'S Vici Kidskin buttoned

SHOES and Lace Shoes at

\$1.40 A PAIR.

Elsewhere \$3. Were withdrawn from sale yesterday morning—broken sizes.

About 600 pairs were received yesterday afternoon, and they are on sale again to-day.

Thousands have been sold, and the story of their cheapness is spreading.

Second floor, Tenth street.

TRIMMED Stylish headwear, of

HATS good materials, at fit-

tle cost. Short-back

Sailor Hats, tipped off with wings;

birds and silk mull, at \$3, \$4 and

\$5. Were double.

Sailor Hats, with ribbon bands,

\$1; usually a half more.

Imported Sailor Hats, 18c; were

50c.

Second floor, Broadway.

LACES It's worth your while

to know this stock. Fine

and costly laces here of course, but

this tells of the kind needed for

every-day wear with Summer

dresses, underwear, and children's

clothing.

French Valenciennes Laces, 16c to \$5 doz. yds.

Point de Paris Lace, 65c to \$5 doz. yds.

Platt Valenciennes Laces, 75c to \$5 doz. yds.

Broadway.

Stylish and

MEN'S made suits that please

CLOTHING fastidious men. The

business of this clothing store dur-

ing the season has been enormous.

These for illustration:

At \$10, blue or black Serge, well made

and trimmed. Coats half lined.

At \$12, blue Serge coats whole backs, half

lined; hand made button holes.

At \$15, a few genuine Clay Serges in blue.

The last of 100 suits advertised last week.

Second floor, Ninth street.

RUGS Floor space is need-

ed in our Carpet

AND Store. Mattings

MATTINGS must move. Will

help them along by making \$6

quality go at \$4.50; \$5 kind, at

\$3.75, per roll of 40 yds.

Full stock of Persian and Turk-

ish Carpets ready. All sizes.

Ante-new-tarif prices.

Third floor, Ninth street.

ICE CREAM The "Wanamak-

FREEZERS er." Pails of best

Virginia white Cedar,

with electric-welded wire

hoops, guaranteed not to fall off.

Revolving wire whip dasher and

"automatic" scraper; all inside

parts coated with pure black tin.

The machine is a labor-saving one,

and its product an extra light and

palatable cream.

2 qts. 3 qts. 4 qts. 6 qts. 8 qts. 10 qts.

\$1.50 \$1.80 \$2.10 \$2.85 \$3.60 \$4.40

"Dainty Dishes," a recipe

pamphlet, by Mrs. S. T. Rorer, with

each freezer.

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